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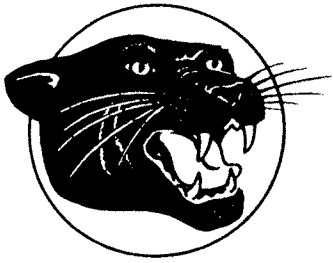
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's track team will focus on winning the conference title in this weekend's Mid-Continent Conference championship.

The Panthers will travel to Western Illinois Thursday and Friday for the league meet. The only other MCC team entered is Northern Iowa although Southwest Missouri, which joins the league next season, will also be competing.

With nearly all of its participants qualified for nationals, Coach Neil Moore has the luxury of concentrating heavily on scoring points this weekend.

"About the only individual getting any priority will be Bob Feller (East Moline-United) . . . we'd like to get him qualified in the 800," Moore said.

"Everyone else will go for points . . . we'll double, triple people if we have to because we've qualified just about everyone we had expected."

Feller ran a 1:53.4 last weekend in the 800, which is a little over a second above the qualifying time.

"Bob has been coming along slowly because he was out with a stress factor for quite awhile . . . plus he needs to run a faster quarter. If the weather cooperates, he has a good shot."

Altogether Moore has 18 individuals who have qualified for the nationals, which also will be held at Western on May 28-30.

The most recent five, who qualified at the Illinois Intercollegiate, are Chuck Elliott (Palatine) in the 10,000 run, Mike Beresford (Danville) in the 3000 steeplechase, Claude Magee (Clermont, FL) in the 100 and 200 dash and Dave Houston (Granite City-South) in the 1500 run.

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100 m. dash	** Claude Magee (Clermont, FL)	10.57
200 m. dash	** Claude Magee (Clermont, FL)	21.2
400 m. dash	Efrem Horton (Rockford-Auburn)	49.0
800 m. run	Bob Feller (East Moline-United)	1:53.4
1500 m. run	** Reo Rorem (Gilman)	3:50.6
5000 m. run	** Joe Sheeran (Lake Villa-Grayslake)	14:13
10,000 m. run	** Joe Sheeran (Lake Villa-Grayslake)	29:36.7
110 m. hurdles	** Augie Oruwari (Nigeria)	13.9
400 m. hurdles	** Mpaka Fyneface (Nigeria)	51.8
3000 m. steeplechase	** Larry Schuldt (Rock Falls)	9:06.4
400 m. relay	** Ken Snell (Chicago-Harland) Efrem Horton (Rockford-Auburn) Dwayne Brown (Chicago-Kenwood) Claude Magee (Clermont, FL)	40.8
1600 m. relay	Clayton Branch (Chicago-Westinghouse) Mpaka Fyneface (Nigeria) Dwayne Brown (Chicago-Kenwood) Efrem Horton (Rockford-Auburn)	3:14.3
high jump	Cary Colwell (Champaign-Parkland CC)	6-6
long jump	Kevin Jones (Springfield-Lanphier)	23-4
triple jump	** Mark Phelps (North Chicago)	50-0½
discus	* Paul James (Mahomet-Seymour)	180-8
shot put	Kevin Jones (Springfield-Lanphier)	48-10 3/4
pole vault	Jim Mehochko (Coal City)	13-11 3/4
javelin	John Kemp (Dixon)	183-3
hammer	Rick Francis (Oakland)	149-11
decathlon	*** Mark Stockwell (Chester)	67'6

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